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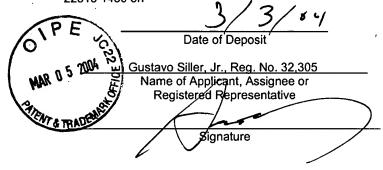
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS								
	Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Status Inquiry and Return Postcard							
		Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.						
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Respectfully submitted,  Gustavo Sille Jr.  Registration No. 32,305  Attorney for Applicant Customer No. 00757 - Brinks Hofer Gilson Lione  BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE P.O. BOX 10395 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610 (312) 321-4200  I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 223/3-1450, on  Date: Signature								

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Serial No. 09/870,041	) Examiner: SMITH, ZANDRA V
Filing Date: 5/30/2001	) Group Art Unit No. 2877
For: Optical Detector Apparatus	) )
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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on 5/30/2001, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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